



**Mayor Kristie S. Overson**

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we put the past year behind us and look forward to a new year, you might say that 2020 was the "best and worst of times."

It's true it was a challenging year. We have been facing a once-in-a-century pandemic; we braced ourselves as a 5.7-magnitude earthquake rattled through, and we survived hurricane-force and microburst winds.

At the same time, I've marveled at how these challenges brought out the best in our community. We all came together and helped each other weather these storms. Mask wearing, social distancing and Zoom meetings became our norm, and residents and businesses alike made adjustments to carry on.

While we faced difficulties as a community, we also celebrated several remarkable milestones. We continued to advance our 2020 Vision for the next decade, as we focus on new business and economic growth taking place across the city, as well as development opportunities and projects on the horizon.

We cheered as several small businesses across the city opened with ribbon cuttings, also welcoming the new Target store to The Crossroads of Taylorsville shopping center. We eagerly have tracked the progress on construction of the new Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, delighting in the final touches that have been made in anticipation of its opening to the public this spring.

The Utah Transit Authority's approval of the capital project plan for the Bus Rapid Transit line that will run through our city also brought smiles. We've been working on the project for the past 10 years, and while progress has been inch by inch, it is now mile by mile. I am looking forward to its completion, along with our Redwood Road beautification project. Work also continues on the new freeway-style interchange at Bangerter Highway and 6200 South.

We were delighted, too, to participate in the groundbreaking of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' new Taylorsville Utah Temple at 2603 W. 4700 South. We anticipate that the temple site and investment by the church in this location will further invigorate the area and our community.

On top of these projects that we had anticipated, we also have been working on formation of our own new Taylorsville City Police Department, after deciding that our community would be best served by bringing police services in-house.

Without question, all of these projects have brought bright light to the year and a promise of a better future. I look forward to Year 2021 and all that it brings.

—Mayor Kristie S. Overson

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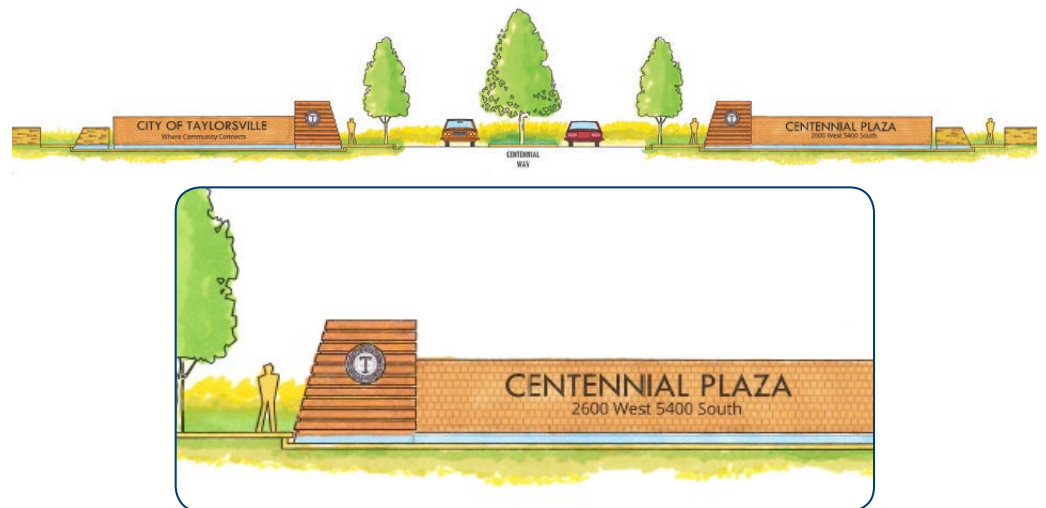
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## City Center Space is Named 'Centennial Plaza'



The City Hall campus now has a new name. The space, where the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center and the city's offices are located and construction of a beautiful landscaped area is under way, will be called "Centennial Plaza."

City leaders decided on the name as a nod to city's historic roots and formation 25 years ago. Taylorsville is sometimes nicknamed "Utah's Centennial City" because it officially came into existence in 1996 — 100 years after Utah became a state.

"The name 'Centennial Plaza' seemed to perfectly encapsulate where we came from and where we are going," Mayor Kristie Overson said. "We are grateful for all those who came before us in creating our great city and look forward to spending time together at our beautiful plaza well into the future."

Hogan Construction is building the plaza including the planting of trees, bushes and lawn areas, and installation of benches, picnic pavilions, entry water feature, arbors, a concessions area in conjunction with the restroom building, and outdoor stage. Future phases include a playground and possibly a small, collapsible ice skating rink.

Among the main goals for the 19.6 acres is the creation of a beautiful, functional and versatile space that is conducive to community gatherings and celebrations. Programming will include movies in the park, farmer's markets, arts festivals, food festivals and outdoor performing arts.

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Emergency

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Unified Police Department Dispatch</b>	<b>801-743-7000</b>
<i>(Non-Emergencies)</i>	
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>801-743-7200</b>
<b>Poison Control Center</b>	<b>1-800-222-1222</b>

Frequently Called Numbers

Animal Control Shelter	801 -965 -5800
Animal Control After Hours Dispatch	801 -840 -4000
Building Inspection	801 -955 -2030
Chamber West <i>(Chamber of Commerce)</i>	801 -977 -8755
Gang Tip Line	385 -468 -9768
Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up <i>(Wasatch Front Waste &amp; Recycling)</i>	385 -468 -6325
Granite School District	385 -646 -5000
Health Department	385 -468 -4100
Highway Conditions <i>(from cell phone)</i>	511
Park Reservations	385 -468 -7275
Public Works <i>(Salt Lake County)</i>	385 -468 -6101
Dominion Energy	800 -323 -5517
Rocky Mountain Power	888 -221 -7070
Salt Lake County Recycling/Landfill	801 -974 -6920
Taylorsville - Bennion Imp. District	801 -968 -9081
Taylorsville Food Pantry	801 -815 -0003
Taylorsville Senior Center	385-468-3370
Taylorsville Neighborhood Compliance	801 -955 -2013
Taylorsville Justice Court	801 -963 -0268
Taylorsville Library	801 -943 -4636
Taylorsville Recreation Center	385 -468 -1732
Swimming Pool <i>(Memorial Day to Labor Day)</i>	801 -967 -5006
Taylorsville -Bennion Heritage Center	801 -281 -0631
UDOT Region 2	801 -975 -4900
Utah Transit Authority (UTA)	801 -743 -3882

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The plaza is expected to be complete in late spring, with this past month's mild winter weather allowing construction to proceed quicker than planned. The Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center also will be complete this year; its programming is expected to begin in the spring, as well.

"The plaza will be such a focal point – such a centerpiece – for our community," Mayor Overson said. "I couldn't be more pleased with how it is coming together.

"It will be a wonderful gathering place, with the Performing Arts Center and City Hall joined with walkways, landscaping and green space," she added. "We are very much looking forward to enjoying it at planned events and in quiet leisure."

She noted that some of the walkways showing the symmetry of the space have already been built and construction on the concession building is under way. The plans will come into even greater focus as the work continues.

"It's a beautiful plan," Mayor Overson said. "I can't wait for our community to enjoy all its many features and facets."

EVENTS JANUARY 2021

**Jan. 1 – All day**

New Year's Day. City Hall is closed.

**Jan. 6 & 20 – 6:30 p.m.**

City Council Meeting @ City Hall and online. Watch a live-stream of the meeting on the city's website, [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov)

**Jan. 12 – 7 p.m. & Jan. 26 – 6 p.m.**

Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall.

**Jan. 18 – All day**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day. City Hall is closed.

**Jan. 19 – All day**

Opening Day of the Legislature @ State Capitol.

Find our calendar of events every month on the city's website, where you can also submit your own events for possible publication. Go to [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov)

Also, a standing event every Thursday, from 2 to 4 p.m., at City Hall is the "Mayor is In." During this time, Mayor Kristie Overson has open office hours to meet with residents about any issue on their minds. Drop by and meet with the Mayor. All are welcome.





## COUNCIL CORNER

*By Council Member Curt Cochran*

We made it! 2021 is here and 2020 is history, and I for one am glad it is. At this point last year, who would have thought we would experience a 5.7-magnitude earthquake, many months of aftershocks, a global pandemic, social unrest, violent protesting, increased race issues and an election season that will go down in history.

As people look now to 2021 and make plans, I have noticed that many, based on this last year, are not making the “normal” or “usual” New Year’s resolutions. While most will still make the normal goals of losing weight or saving more money, most are getting very specific and focused on the goal itself and the way they will achieve it. Many now see firsthand the importance of actually being healthy to fight off unforeseen viruses and diseases. Many more are experiencing the financial impact that unforeseen job losses, downturns, business closures and changing business trends can have on their family and friends. Most Americans never heard of Zoom before March of 2021 and now, for me at least, it is a regular part of my business day and won’t be going away any time soon.

Research is showing that New Year’s resolutions for 2021 are focusing more on non-traditional resolutions. Some of those include:

## 2021 Brings Chance to Make Non-Traditional Resolutions

- Putting oneself in a strong financial position in case the unexpected happens again. This not only includes saving money but also having liquidity in one’s investments where, if needed, one could get access to their cash more quickly.
- Having a strong plan for retirement. We don’t know today what retirement is going to look like 10, 20 and 30 years in the future. I do know that the earlier one starts, and sticks to it, the better they will be positioned. I wish I had placed more effort than I did when I was younger.
- Reducing debt now. I once heard a child say to their parent, “Well you have money.” The parent replied, “I don’t have a lot of money. What I don’t have is a lot of debt. There is a difference.”
- Spending more time with family. If 2020 taught us anything, it is that we don’t know who of our loved ones will be with us tomorrow and they can be taken at any time for unforeseen reasons. People are genuinely understanding that more now and spending more time just being together before they can no longer do so.
- Reducing stress. Research shows that stress does not only affect the body emotionally and mentally, but it can do so physically, as well. Reducing stress is an easy way to help your overall well-being. Don’t keep things bottled up and ask yourself, “Will it really matter six months from now?” If not, let it go.



LEFT TO RIGHT:  
Dan Armstrong (District 5), Curt Cochran (District 2),  
Meredith Harker, Chair (District 4), Anna Barbieri (District 3),  
and Ernest Burgess (District 1)

- People are planning more experiences in 2021. Many are finally going to take a trip they have been putting off, going to see an old friend they haven’t seen in years, checking off things on their bucket list, learning to play the guitar, and doing the things that bring them joy. They are focusing less on material things such as a certain level of house or what they think will help them climb a social ladder.

For me, 2021 will be a year of traveling, family, friends, staying healthy, and you just may see me skydiving. I’ve always wanted to do that.

## Youth Council Collects Barrels of Food for Pantry

Thank you to all who contributed to the Youth Council’s holiday giving drive for the Taylorsville Food Pantry. The youth ended up collecting six-plus 50-gallon barrels of food.

“The outpour of giving is simply amazing,” said Mayor Kristie Overson. “I am so grateful to our community for their concerted care for others, and am also wholly

impressed by the Youth Council for all their work and organization in planning this drive.”

The youth hand-delivered the food donations to the pantry for those in need. Donations came in not only from individual residents who brought boxes and bags of food to City Hall but also from businesses, the police department and even a Boy Scout completing his Eagle Scout project.

“We are overwhelmed by the generosity,” Mayor Overson said.

Cases of canned goods, bags of dry noodles and pasta, boxes of stuffing, jars of peanut butter, and more overflowed the large boxes and bins the youth had set up for donations. The youth dropped off flyers to neighborhoods in November, soliciting donations for the Deck the Halls Holiday Giving Drive. Cash donations also were accepted online.

“The youth decided to organize a drive for the Food Pantry because they wanted to help those particularly in need during the holidays,” Mayor Overson said.

The pantry depends entirely on donations to stock its shelves and freezers with food, which it gives away to qualifying residents. The Taylorsville Food Pantry, located at 4775 S. Plymouth View Drive, is open on Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m., Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon.

Each month, it provides food to about 1,200 people. To receive food at the pantry, one must be a Taylorsville resident (most neighboring communities also have pantry-like services where their residents can receive food) and fall within income guidelines. The maximum monthly income for a family of four, for example, is \$3,075.

“I want to thank everyone who supported the Youth Council, the Food Pantry and our community,” Mayor Overson said. “It means so much to me. Taylorsville is truly unmatched as a place of giving.”





## Taylorsville City Police Department

## UPDATE

## TVPD Team on Target with Timelines, Announces New Chief

*Monthly updates on the formation of the Taylorsville City Police Department will be provided on this page through July 2021.*

This past month, the transition team has continued to make progress in harmony to original timelines —despite pandemic countermeasures and rush of the holidays.

As previously announced, Brady Cottam formally accepted the appointment as chief for the new police department, with Todd Gray serving as one of two deputy chiefs. The team is thrilled with both given their respective work histories and capabilities, which will provide a great foundation for the new department. Work continues for the search of a second deputy chief, as well as the office and records managers.

In addition, the decision was made with respect to a Human Resources software program. This will be utilized in the application and screening of most personnel hereafter, and more effectively streamline the onboarding processes.

### Other completed projects within the month of December included:

- Validating the additional liability insurance needs and quote for the coming fiscal year
- Solidifying compensation plans in accordance to comparable and best practices
- Determining the uniform allowance and vendor option(s)
- Conducting a review of the additional Information Technology needs
- Framing the draft of the initial 3-Year Strategic Plan

As demonstrated, plans are well on the way to have all personnel hired by early June, with the official swearing in ceremony on June 14, 2021. Full implementation of the municipal police department will be on July 1, 2021.

## Snow Removal is Outlined in City Code

With winter here, snow removal is an important part of keeping our city going and everyone safe. We can all help out and do our part. Snow removal is also outlined in the city's ordinances. They include:

### 14.32.100: SNOW REMOVAL; REQUIRED:

It is unlawful for the owner, occupant, lessor or agent of property abutting on a paved sidewalk to fail to remove or cause to be removed from such paved sidewalk and any existing curb ramp all hail, snow or sleet falling thereon, within twenty four (24) hours after the hail, snow or sleet has ceased falling.

### 14.32.110: SNOW REMOVAL; CLOGGING GUTTER PROHIBITED:

It is unlawful for any person removing snow from a sidewalk or curb ramp to deposit snow, dirt or other material in a gutter so as to clog the same, or prevent the free flow of water therein.

### 14.20.105: PLACING SNOW UPON HIGHWAY PROHIBITED:

It is unlawful for any person removing snow, ice or other material from a sidewalk or driveway to place or deposit said snow, ice or other material upon any city road or highway in such a manner as to interfere with the proper use of the same or so as to obstruct travel or to endanger property or persons upon the same.

### 11.20.080: PARKING PROHIBITED WHEN:

It is unlawful for any person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle or trailer to park or knowingly allow to be parked any vehicle or trailer on any street or highway:

- A. After any snow and/or ice accumulation, until after the street or highway is cleared of snow and/or ice;

Thank you for keeping these codes in mind and stay safe this winter!



## Taylorsville Exchange Club Honors Local Vexillologist



The Taylorsville Exchange Club has honored DeVaughn Simper with The Book of Golden Deeds Award for his many years of community service. Since 1999, Simper devoted himself to many projects and causes from playing taps at veteran's funerals with Bugles Across America to working with youth in the Boy Scouts, Civil Air Patrol and U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and teaching elementary school children about flag protocol and flag history.

Simper, otherwise known as "Professor Flag," is a vexillologist, who has devoted his life to studying and promoting the values that the United States flag represents. He believes that flags are a physical representation of the values, goals and ideals of a group of people.

Simper also holds true to the American Creed and teaches it through the stories and the many colors of the flags of the nation so that we do not forget how we got here and what we stand for. He refers to President Ronald Reagan, who said, "Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction."

"I am doing my part to ensure that does not happen," said Simper, who owns one of the largest private flag collections in the state. The collection includes:

- All 50 state and seven territory/district flags
- All military branch department flags
- Flag replicas of historical flags from 1490 to today
- Flags from 197 foreign countries

He knows the history of each flag in his collection and is happy to teach anyone who is interested. Simper lives in Taylorsville with his wife, Amanda, and their three sons.



## Resident's Community Newsletter Marks Taylorsville's Beginnings

Shortly after David Watkins moved to Taylorsville 26 years ago, he created a time capsule without ever really knowing that was what he was doing.

Titled the *Bennion Cove News Brief*, the community newsletter was his project. He typed up the city's news, laying out the illustrations and text in neat columns and incorporating pictures he took himself. He started the four-page newsletter in 1997 because he enjoyed community involvement.

It was a hobby, but the newsletter was professional and informative even though he managed it on his own in his spare time. He kept the newsletter going for almost two years, hand-delivering it himself to friends and neighbors. He published the newsletter once or twice a month, and was soon printing 200 copies.

"Everything in this town brought me good energy," David said. "I love Taylorsville."

He moved into the brand-new housing development behind what is now City Hall in 1995. He and his wife, who owns Lighthouse Real Estate Services, Inc. on Redwood Road, still live there today, and it is where he raised his son and two stepsons. As a new resident, David got involved in the formation of the fledgling city, with Taylorsville's incorporation in 1996. He began going to the City Council meetings and giving a report on what he learned to his neighbors afterward.

"I wanted to be engaged and get everyone involved," David recalled. "I just thought, 'What a great community. This is the place.'"

So he began putting the information he was gathering from those City Council meetings into a newsletter. There was news about the new swimming pool and recreation center "scheduled to open in 1998," efforts to bring sound walls along I-215, and zoning debates surrounding the land where City Hall now sits. David also published job notices, recipes in a "Cook's Corner," and

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**"KEEPING THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED"**

**LANDSCAPING CONTEST FOR BENNION COVE RESIDENTS**

Prepare to cast your votes. As a community, we want to recognize the contributions made by individual families for their efforts to improve the value of our neighborhood. It seems that many of the residents have been hard at work beautifying their homes. Please fill out enclosed form and return it to D&J Publishing 1905 W. 4700 S. STE 513 Taylorsville, UT. 84118. The winner will be awarded a certificate of recognition along with a "Value Pack". All ballots must be returned by July 25, 1997. Pictures of the winning properties will be published in the next issue of the Bennion Cove News Brief.

**GETTING AROUND TOWN**

Traveling may become a nightmare, especially during the

work week. The general consensus is that most of us don't commute on weekends so we can afford the delays. The truth of the matter is that we need to pre-plan our weekends as we do our weekdays. Most of the long term closures will take place on Saturday and Sunday so we're prepared by Monday. We can no longer think in terms of light traffic in the near future. Look forward to increased traffic on I-215 due to rerouting because of ramp closures on I-15. The main

**I-15 Construction**

highway ramp closures are: 180 eastbound to I-15 northbound, I-15 northbound to I-80 westbound, 500 South to I-80 westbound, and 1300 South northbound on-ramp to I-15. These ramps will be closed through July, 1999. You can contact Carol Provenzano, Business Liaison for further information at: 801-594-6136. Good luck and happy traveling.

in the banking industry. Having dealt with challenging times in Chicago, where he was raised, he also thought it important to give back to the community.

Starting a community newsletter seemed like a natural progression. He put together the newsletter using what was then one of the first publishing software programs, called Publish It, and putting his stories on floppy disks. He would hang the newsletter on neighbors' front doors with rubber bands.

"I think back on how busy my world was then, in a good way, and there's no way I could do that now," said David, who also served on then-Gov. Jon Huntsman's Ethnic Advisory Board and Salt Lake City's Black Chamber of Commerce at the beginning of its tenure.

His son and stepsons, who attended Bennion Junior High and Taylorsville High School, are now grown and have since moved out of state. His son is a sheriff in the city of Chicago; one stepson now lives in California where he teaches at a Catholic school, and another does government work in Arizona.

The community has changed, too, David said, also in a good way. There is more traffic now but it is well organized, and the I-215 sound barriers he and his neighbors sought have quieted the noise, as they had hoped. He's thrilled they will be able to walk to the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center next to City Hall to take in a show, and the city remains vibrant and cohesive with good people and friendly neighbors.

It is a passing of time now encapsulated in his *Bennion Cove News Brief*. (Read three of the issues in full on the city's website, [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov)).

"It was a good hobby," David said. "It gave me a little sense of what I wanted to do, which was filmmaking and telling engaging stories. I just love hearing stories. I'm there with popcorn to hear some of the wonders of how people see the world."

## Remember: Parking for More than 24 Hours is Prohibited



The Code Enforcement Department offers the following reminder about inoperable vehicles:

According to City of Taylorsville Ordinance 9.08.030( C )14, an inoperable vehicle is defined as one "not currently registered or licensed in this state or another state, or a vehicle that is or has any of the following conditions: dismantled, broken windows, flat tires, no tires, missing doors, missing windows, missing fenders, missing hood, missing trunk, will not start, or is in a condition as to devalue surrounding properties (conservation of values)."

The intent of this ordinance is to free up valuable parking space to allow working cars to park off road and in the driveway. Many of Taylorsville's residential roads are narrow which makes it difficult to negotiate around vehicles parked on the roadway. This is increasingly important when emergency vehicles are trying to save lives in emergency situations. Roadway parking, during snow removal, is prohibited. Snowplows require a wide berth to remove the snow from the roadways.

Cars parked on the roadway prevent this invaluable service. Vehicles parked on the roadway may receive a citation, be towed, or both at the owner's expense. Parking on the roadway is subject to other rules outside of snow removal.

Vehicles parked for more than 24 hours consecutively is prohibited. If unmoved during the prescribed time frame, a warning will be given. If the warning fails to achieve the desired effect, a citation, impound or both may occur.

A frequently asked question: Can I park on the front yard or lawn? The answer is 'no.' Refer to City Code 13.24.040. (A). All vehicles must park on approved hard surfaces such as concrete, asphalt, brick or similar hard surfaces.

If you have a vehicle that you don't intend to repair and you don't know what to do with it, you can donate it and get a tax deduction. There are many charities that accept cars as donations. Just search online for "donate car to charity near me" to find one.



## Enjoy a Specialty Soda at Bubbles Drinks and More

A new specialty drinks shop has opened in Taylorville. Bubbles Drinks and More has started up at 3970 W. 5400 South.

"It's such a cute shop, with its retro wood paneling and bright pink walls," Mayor Kristie Overson said. "It makes you feel happy being here."

Mayor Overson was among the city officials, as well as representatives from ChamberWest, who welcomed Bubbles Drinks and More to Taylorville at a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Nov. 20.

The shop is owned by Dean Lehwald and Nathan Lui. "We love seeking the growth in Taylorville," said Lehwald. "This is a great place. I thank you all for welcoming us here. Taylorville has been so easy to work with and the most helpful."



Bubbles Drinks and More offers boba drinks, sodas in all flavors and snacks, as well as convenient drive-thru service. They currently are open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. They plan to open earlier once the coronavirus pandemic wanes.

For more information, look online at [bubblesdrinks.com](http://bubblesdrinks.com), or call 801-968-1316.

"Bubbles would like to thank Taylorville City staff for working with us to open this new location and we look forward to becoming a part of the Taylorville community," Lehwald said.

## New Hamlet Homes Community Dog Park Opens

The Hamlet Homes Muirhouse Community in Taylorville has a new dog park. It officially opened this fall with a Ribbon Cutting, hosted by ChamberWest.

City officials also were on hand to celebrate the event on Oct. 30. The park, called Whiskey Berry Dog Park, is named after Hamlet Homes employee Natalie Berry's late dog, Whiskey. A plaque was installed at its entrance.

"What a fun place for residents and their dogs," said Mayor Kristie Overson. "This is a wonderful addition to the community, and we know it will be enjoyed by many."

To mark the occasion, a pet costume contest also was organized near the entrance of the dog park, and dog winners were awarded prizes.

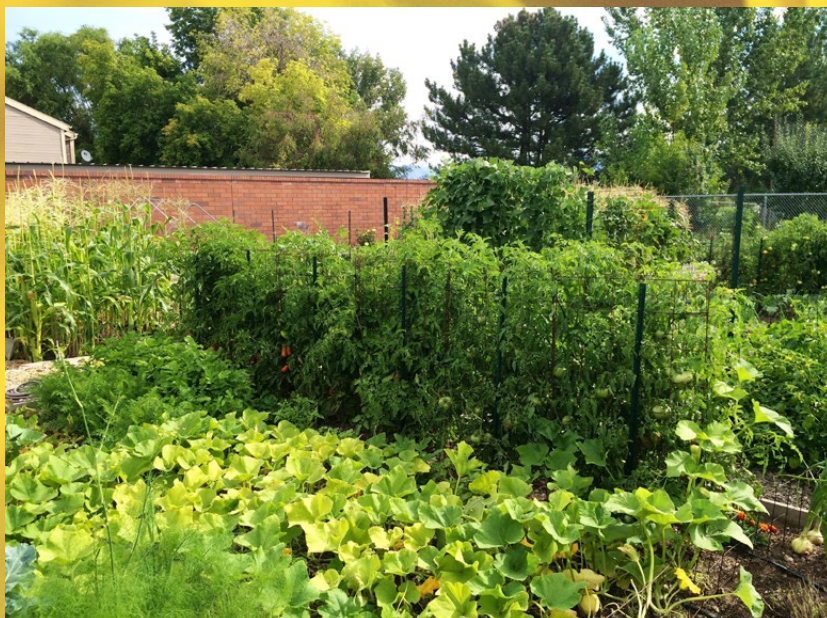
The dog park is part of the Muirhouse Community Park, located at 3868 W. Kinglassie Lane. In addition to the enclosed dog park, features of the community park include pavilions, benches, a large open space and beautiful landscaping.

Hamlet Homes' Muirhouse townhome community in Taylorville features two floor plans, and a tour of their model homes can be scheduled. Hamlet Homes is a leader of urban redevelopment, transit-oriented communities. Since the company's founding in 1994, the company has built over 3,500 homes in 53 communities.



## Taylorville Community Gardens

The Taylorville Community Greenhouse will open at the end of February for spring planting. Cost is \$25.



**If you are interested, call  
Toni Lenning at 801-414-4192**

## Swig Opens at Taylorville's Town Center

Swig is now open in Taylorville. The drinks and sweets store at 1815 W. 4700 South celebrated with a grand opening open house on Dec. 4. They are located in the Town Center in front of the new Taylorville Macey's grocery store.

Mayor Kristie Overson was among the city officials attending Swig's grand opening day. "We are so pleased to welcome Swig to Taylorville," she said. "It's a great place for a pick-me-up at midday, and they have so many delectable treats to choose from."

Choose from a variety of fun soda flavors such as their Raspberry Dream, Shark Attack or Pretty in Pink drinks, as well as hot chocolate and their famous cold sugar cookies, whoopee pie, dirt ball and other cookies.

Swig was started in 2010 in Saint George, Utah, by owner and founder Nicole Tanner, who was brainstorming with her husband one night about possible business ideas. He suggested a drive-by drink shop, something they both agreed could be successful. They opened their first location across the street from Dixie State University in April 2010. Swig has since expanded into multiple states and more than two dozen locations in Utah.

The Taylorville store is open 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. See more information on their, [swigsweets.com](http://swigsweets.com)





## Taylorsville Bennion Heritage REMEMBRANCES

*This month's article highlights the life of Jeanette (Jennie) Bennion Gerrard.*

Jennie Bennion Gerrard was born Dec. 18, 1879, in Vernon, Utah. She was the eldest of Joseph B. and Mary Ann Sharp Bennion's seven children, and spent her first eight years in Vernon, where her father farmed and owned sheep.

They moved to Taylorsville, arriving on the hot, dry day of July 9, 1881. Their home was still being built, requiring plastering and yet-unfinished carpentry work. There was no shade and no water.

Altogether, it was a very uninviting prospect for a new home. (This was the old home next to the house, which is no longer standing, of Ron Peterson). It was one of the first homes on 4800 South. One month after their arrival, her sister Minnie Harker was born, and several years later, another brother Adam S. Bennion, who was an apostle in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and sister Effie Paxton were born. Jennie was baptized into the church in the Jordan River.

Seven years after their arrival in Taylorsville, her father died, leaving her mother a widow with five living children; Jennie was 14. True to the ideals of both the Sharps and the Bennions, the widowed mother "carried on," and Jennie found herself at a very young age helping to supplement her mother's income by working in the store at 1355 W. 4800 South. This store sold everything from coal to gasoline, yard goods to foodstuffs. For an eight- or 10-hour day, the pay was small at \$1 per day.

Although she was deprived at an early age of the companionship of



*Jennie Bennion Gerrard is pictured in 1937, when she was a Relief Society president in her church.*

her father, their home was one of love and affection and was a gathering place for the young people in the community. The youth were always welcomed, and her mother being an excellent cook, always provided them with many goodies.

Jennie grew up with the ideals of her church. She held many church positions, including Relief Society president for many years, during a time when donations and tithing were paid in farm produce and commodities. She would drive around her neighborhood in a horse-drawn buggy, picking up members' donations and



*In 1959, Jennie Gerrard was honored at the Taylorsville Golden Memories Gala at the old Assembly Hall on 4800 South.*

taking them to the bishop's storehouse.

On Oct. 27, 1898, she married John Thomas Gerrard, who came to America as a young boy from England, and they had three children — Thomas Lowell, Erma and Clarence. Erma died in infancy, and Clarence at age 19 from complications resulting from an accident. Lowell lived to adulthood, leaving Jennie with three surviving grandsons and 10 great-grandchildren.

## TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

4743 S. Plymouth View Drive

### Taylorsville Senior Center Goes Virtual



Salt Lake County is pleased to announce the development of a Virtual Senior Center.

Aging & Adult Services' new Virtual Senior Center will offer programming that seniors can do from the safety of their own home. You can read more about the Virtual Senior Center and view current programs, by accessing the center's newsletter online or stopping by the Taylorsville Senior Center, 4743 S.

Plymouth View Drive, during drive-thru lunch hours (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday) to pick up a copy.

These programs will include online, video conference, telephone, or self-guided activities that require neither phone nor computer. A variety of class types will be available ranging from support groups, exercise classes, education, arts and crafts, and even self-guided tours of local areas.

The development is ongoing. For example, the center has exercise classes and wellness videos on the department's YouTube page from the Health Promotion program, and staff members are working every day to create new opportunities, including presentations, classes, support groups and more.

Please check out the Taylorsville Senior Center's website, Facebook page, and sign up for their email blast to receive current updates:

[www.slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center](http://www.slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center)

## Start a New Year of Learning at the Taylorsville Library

The Taylorsville Library has planned several programs during the month of January. Also, note its holiday hours below. You'll want to mark your calendar for these events:

### Virtual Adult Lecture

**Arthur Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes and the Utah Connection**

**Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m.**

Learn about the fictional detective, Sherlock Holmes, with Michael W. Homer, who is a member of the Baker Street Irregulars. Explore the formation of Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle, his use of science and deductive reasoning, and the Utah connection. You must register for this event to receive the link to the WebEx virtual lecture. <https://tinyurl.com/y584cl8u>

As presenter, Homer has written numerous articles about Doyle and Holmes. Homer is a trial lawyer, Honorary Italian Consul in Utah, a Fellow of the Utah State Historical Society, Chair of the J. Willard Marriott Library Advisory Board, University of Utah, and member of Board of Advisors, Office of Undergraduate Advancement, University of Utah.

### A Night of Masks and Monsters

**Thursday, Jan. 14, 6-10 p.m.**

A Dungeons and Dragons holiday one-shot for third-level characters. Lord Marquis Prospero di Maschera throws exclusive masquerade parties every week, and you have been invited. This one-shot is great for beginners and experienced players alike. Premade third-level character sheets will be available. If you would like to make your own character, please follow these guidelines: Use standard array for your ability scores. [15,14,13,12,10,8]; Only use material from the player's handbook and one other official source book; No evil aligned characters; Character should be at third-level for this adventure. You must register for this event to receive information to play.

<https://tinyurl.com/yyo2dof9>

**NOTE:** The library will be closed Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1-2, for the New Year's holiday, and Monday, Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.





## Catch a Glimpse of Spring with Garden Park Classes

Excited to see those spring flowers?

The Conservation Garden Park is offering free classes to inspire, educate and empower our communities to create and enjoy waterwise landscapes. Located on 10 acres in West Jordan, the Garden Park is easily accessible from all Wasatch Front communities.



The Garden Park began with six examples of water-wise landscaping in a mock residential setting. It has since expanded to include interactive exhibits for educating the public on water-wise design, planting and irrigation — becoming one of Utah's premier

water conservation teaching and demonstration gardens. Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District, as a member agency of Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, encourages its customers to explore this valuable resource. Sign up for classes by going online to [conservationgardenpark.org](http://conservationgardenpark.org).



### QUESTIONS?

Please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District by calling 801-968-9081 or visiting [www.tbid.org](http://www.tbid.org).

You can also follow the district on Facebook and Twitter.

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## JANUARY WFWRD UPDATES

### 2021 RATES & FEES

WFWRD's Administrative Control Board approved the district's Budget & Fee Schedule for 2021. The base fee for residential services will remain at \$17 per month (\$204 per year). Although there is not a fee increase to the residential base fee, the following has been approved for 2021:

- Subscription Curbside Green Waste fees will increase from \$9.50 per month to \$10.50 per month, for the first can. (Fees for additional Green Waste cans will remain the same.)
- Bulk Trailer Rental fees will increase from \$145 to \$175, for up to two tons. Over two tons will increase from \$35 per ton to \$45 per ton.

All fee increases are due to continually increasing disposal and operating costs. A complete listing of rates and fees, along with the district's budget presentation, can be found on its website, at: <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/rates-fees>. You can view a recording of the public hearing on the WFWRD Facebook page.

### CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION



WFWRD will be collecting Christmas trees during the month of January. For collection, place your undecorated tree on your curb. The trees will be collected the day after your regular collection day during the month of January. If drivers don't get your tree one week, they will be back the following week. Please call the WFWRD office, or chat with them on their website for additional information.

- Please remove all snow off the tree.
- Trees cannot be accepted with decorations, lights, tree stands or flocking.
- Do not place the tree in your garbage, recycling or green waste can.
- If the tree is over 8 feet tall, please cut it into smaller sections.
- Artificial trees cannot be accepted.



### RECYCLING REMINDER

As gifts and presents are exchanged this season, please remember that paper-based wrapping paper is recyclable; but plastic or Mylar wrapping, and bows/ribbons, are not recyclable.